

MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

There was a special meeting of the Oconee County Council in Council Chambers, Tuesday, March 22, 1988 at 4:00 PM with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Seneca Journal, Keowee Courier, Greenville News, Anderson Independent, Westminster News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WCCP Radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Sue Nolan - Seneca Journal.

All other persons who have asked to be notified of meetings were also notified by mail.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain.

Meeting

The invocation was given by Mr. Williams.

Invocation

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 that the minutes of the special meeting held March 11, 1988 be adopted as printed.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 that Ordinance 88-3, "An Ordinance Amending the Taxable Amount of Bonds in Ordinance 87-10 from \$145,000 to \$265,000 be adopted on third and final reading.

Ord. 88-3

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that the attached written hospital proposal be presented to the hospital board for their consideration.

Hospital

Mr. Williams informed Council a partition needed to be placed in the old canteen part of the courthouse for the employees. After some discussion, Mr. Crain referred this to the Building & Grounds Committee.

Courthouse  
Canteen

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 3 - 1 (Dr. Earle voting against) that the attached transfer for the Magistrate's Office be approved.

Transfer

Dr. Earle informed Council there would be a hearing concerning the survival of rural hospitals in South Carolina Wednesday, March 23, 1988 at 7:00 PM at the Vocational Center.

Hospital

Mr. Crain informed Council there would be a public hearing concerning the moving of the graves from Lake Hartwell to Bearderdam Baptist Church March 28, 1988. The County Attorney saw no reason for Mr. Crain to attend this hearing and it was the consensus of Council that Oconee County had already made its position clear.

Graves

Mr. Dyar informed Council the Walhalla Town Council had referred the matter of joint funding of an auditorium for the Walhalla High School to the Finance Committee.

Auditorium  
Funding

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Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 0 that the Assessor's Office be allowed to hire a SHARE employee at no cost to the county.

Assessor

Mr. Crain referred the Clerk of Court's request to use the former Election Commission Office to house the camera which is used to film deeds and mortgages and a file cabinet in to the Building & Grounds Committee.

Clerk of  
Court

The Building & Grounds Committee scheduled a meeting Tuesday, April 5, 1988 at 6:00 PM to review the Clerk of Court's request and the request concerning the canteen.

Adjourn: 4:55 PM

*Norman D. Crain* (og)

Norman D. Crain  
Supervisor-Chairman  
Oconee County Council

Circuit Court  
638-2241

SALLIE C. SMITH

Clerk of Court  
P.O. Box 158  
Walhalla, S.C.  
29691

Family Court  
638-5825

2-29-88

TO: Mr. Norman Crain, Chairman-Supervisor, Oconee County Council

FROM: Sallie

RE: vacant room formerly occupied by Election Commission

Please be advised that the Election Commission has moved to new office. I hope you will see fit to let the Clerk's Office use this space to house the camera that is presently in our little storage room. This camera is used to film deeds and mortgages for compact binders. Also, I need space to house several file cabinets of old Juvenile Files which we are required to keep but that cannot be accessible to public.

If you have any questions, please let me know.....or when you are up this way, please stop by and I will gladly show you around.

scs/

  
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THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.....

# Oconee County Council

Julius R. Earle, M.D.  
District 1  
Route 2  
Walhalla, S.C. 29691

Public Service Building  
County Mailroom  
Walhalla, S.C. 29691  
803-638-5835

Larry A. Butts  
District 4  
Route 1, Box 223  
Westminster, S.C. 29693

Jerry Dyar  
District 2  
P.O. Box 544  
Walhalla, S.C. 29691

Norman D. Crain  
Supervisor - Chairman  
Route 3  
Westminster, S.C. 29693  
638-2532, 638-5645

Alton K. Williams  
District 5  
Route 3, Box 219  
Seneca, S.C. 29678

Michael E. Harper  
District 3  
P.O. Box 977  
Seneca, S.C. 29679

Larry C. Brandt  
County Attorney  
P.O. Box 5830  
Walhalla, S.C. 29691

March 23, 1988

Mr. Bill Sandifer  
Chairman Of The Board  
Oconee Memorial Hospital  
Post Office Box 36  
Seneca, SC 29679

REFERENCE: Oconee Memorial Hospital Association/Oconee County Council  
Indenture of Lease

Dear Mr. Sandifer:

On Tuesday, March 15, 1988, the Oconee County Council voted unanimously to, upon conditions, renew the Indenture of Lease originally entered into the 29th. day of June 1959, between the County of Oconee, South Carolina, hereinafter called the Lessor, and Oconee Memorial Hospital Association, hereinafter called the Lessee, and subsequently renewed the 29th. day of June 1974 for an additional fifteen (15) years.

The conditions are that the Board of Oconee Memorial Hospital take necessary measures, to include changing by-laws where necessary, to:

- (1) Adopt two member election districts, the number and boundaries of which shall coincide with present and future Oconee County Council election districts.

Initially, one Hospital Association board member shall be elected from each county council district at the next annual meeting of the Lessee following the general election in which a County Council seat is filled. Moreover, the second Hospital Association board member shall be elected from each of the same districts at the next annual meeting of the Lessee.

For example: County Council seats 2, 4, and 5 will be elected in the general election November 08, 1988. One Hospital Association board member from each of districts 2, 4, and 5 shall be elected at the 1989 annual meeting of the Lessee. The second member from each of districts 2, 4, and 5 shall be elected at the 1990 annual meeting of the Lessee.

Board members for districts 1 and 3 shall be elected in the same manner after the 1990 general election.

In addition to the board members elected from county council districts the following shall serve as board members:

The chief of staff, the chief of staff elect and a member of the county council appointed by the county supervisor.

Moreover, the chief executive officer of Oconee Memorial Hospital shall serve as an ex officio member of the board.

All elected hospital board members shall serve four (4) year terms.

Should a vacancy occur by resignation, or for any other reason, with one year or more remaining on the current term, then a successor shall be elected at the next annual meeting to serve out the remaining term.

All current board members shall be eligible to serve out their remaining terms and shall be eligible to run for district seats if otherwise qualified as to the Lessee's by-laws.

(2) The Lessee shall mail to each registered voter in Oconee County no earlier than forty-five (45) days prior to the annual meeting and no later than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting a notice of the annual meeting, known agenda items, a list of the board positions to be filled, and an explanation of the requirements for running for the position of board member, requirements for voting, and other information as deemed appropriate by the board.

(3) A nominating committee shall be formed by the Lessee which shall nominate prior to the annual meeting no less than two (2) nominees for each and every vacancy to present at the annual meeting. In addition, nominees shall be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting. A motion to close nominations prior to asking for and allowing ample time for any additional nominations shall be out of order. Only Oconee Memorial Hospital Association members are eligible to be nominated and hold office.

(4) All members of the Oconee Memorial Hospital Association are eligible to vote on all matters coming before the association.

In addition, all individuals registered to vote in Oconee County, and presenting a valid voter registration certificate as proof, are eligible to vote for nominees running from the district in which the registered voter is eligible to vote for a county council seat.

The annual meeting shall be held at the Oconee County courthouse or in a facility of equal or larger capacity.

Respectfully,



Norman D. Crain  
Supervisor-Chairman  
Oconee County Council

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**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AUTHORIZATION**

Revised 03-28-86

DATE MARCH 2, 1988 DEPARTMENT CHIEF MAG. (060) CHANGE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES BE MADE IN MY \_\_\_\_\_ BUDGET:

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1. TO: CAPITOL EXPENDITURES # 010-060-00150-00850 \$ 650.00  
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

FROM: COURT EXPENSE # 010-060-00150-00026 \$ 650.00  
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

Justification: TO PUT WINDOW IN OFFICE FOR PAYING OF FINES AND  
CABINET BUILT UNDER WINDOW - STORAGE OF FILES & SUPPLIES

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2. TO: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

Justification: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. TO: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(fill in line item name) (fill in line code)

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Justification: \_\_\_\_\_

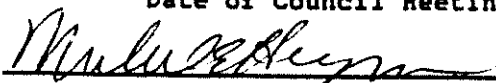
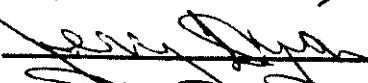
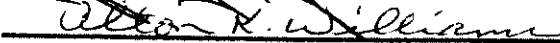
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DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

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APPROVED: 3/22/88  
Date of Council Meeting

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Received by Council Clerk

  
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SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

MEMBER BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

MEMBER COUNTY COUNCIL

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

P.O. BOX 889

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31402-0889

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

Real Estate Division

FEB 10 1988

Mr. Norman Crain  
Supervisor, Oconee County Council  
Public Service Building  
Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

Dear Mr. Crain:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the December 15 1987, Oconee County Council Meeting minutes which we received January 26, 1988. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly inform you of our efforts to protect the eight graves which were discussed in detail at the public hearing. As you recall, the eight graves are located at approximately 654' elevation and 40' to 50' off shoreline 660' pool elevation on the Hartwell Lake Project in Oconee County, South Carolina.

The Army Corps of Engineers policy requires that we attempt to remove all graves from Civil Works project land and particularly from lake beds. Unfortunately, when the lake was established this family plot was unknown. Further, it is the policy of the Corps that family and community wishes be considered, whenever possible, when a cemetery relocation plan is being formulated. As a result of the public hearing held December 15, 1987, you requested that the Corps re-evaluate the feasibility and cost factors of constructing a dirt filled peninsula, with a commemorative marker on the subject site, which would prevent the graves from inundation and alleviate the need for disinterment and reinterment at another location. Let me assure you that such an option was carefully considered.


However, in addition to feasibility and cost factors, multiple other factors had to be weighed such as the wishes of the next-of-kin and project purposes. It should also be stressed that the precarious location of the graves, with the threat of rising water which would once again inundate the graves, required the expeditious handling of this situation. In the instant situation relatives of the decedents have consented to the removal of their kin so that they may rest beside other family members interred at a nearby cemetery.

Obviously, some community members oppose the request of the next-of-kin. While the Corps realizes that a difference of opinion exists, compliance with long-standing Corps policy of protecting graves by removal and the prevention of inundation is in the best interest of all concerned.

Accordingly, the Secretary of the Army on January 14, 1988, approved a cemetery relocation plan which provides for disinterment of the eight graves and reinterment at Beaverdam Baptist Church Cemetery in Fairplay, South Carolina.

Once again, let me assure you that the above process will be handled with all reverence and in the most respectful manner. Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Stanley G. Genega  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
District Engineer



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ANN. DISTRICT COURT  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
ANDERSON DIVISION

ENTERED  
3-16-88

United States of America,	)	<u>ORDER</u>
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	C/A No. 8:88-0150-3
	)	
v.	)	Tract No. I-926-1
	)	
0.03 Acres of Land, more or	)	
less, situate in Oconee	)	
County, State of South	)	
Carolina, and Unknown Owners,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

On motion of the United States of America to set a hearing at which time those persons having any opposition to the proposed cemetery relocation plan may be heard, and for good cause shown, it is

ORDERED: The Clerk shall give notice of a hearing before the court at Anderson, S.C., on the 28th day of March, 1988, at 9:00 am, to all parties joined in this action, as well as those parties who have filed any response, if any, and those persons who may be opposed to the proposed disinterment and reinterment identified as Mrs. Lois Cleveland Corbett, Mr. Charles E. Herring, Mr. Harrison E. Orr, and Mr. Norman Crane.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

*[Signature]*  
United States District Judge

Anderson S.C.

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1988.

*[Signature]*

A TRUE COPY  
ATTEST: *[Signature]* CLERK  
BY: *[Signature]*  
DEPUTY CLERK

OCONEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA

March 21, 1988

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FROM: W. H. HUDSON, PRESIDENT *W.H.H.*  
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING ON RURAL HOSPITAL ISSUES

Attached is a copy of a news release announcing a public hearing on Wednesday, March 23, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vocational Center. The hearing is being held by a subcommittee, as listed, of the Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee. Oconee is serving as the host and coordinator for this hearing. This is the first of seven scheduled across the state and as you can see has been done on a very short notice.

I hope you will be able to attend to hear and express the concerns of rural hospitals.

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Attachment

~~FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:~~  
Dave Murday, Research Director,  
Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee  
734-2906

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 17, 1988

Responding to concerns about the survival of rural hospitals in South Carolina, a legislative subcommittee will be holding regional public hearings on the issues and problems facing these hospitals.

"Rural hospitals are an important part of local economies. Rural communities must be interested in the survival of their local hospital for financial as well as health reasons." said Senator Hugh Leatherman, D-Florence, chairman of the subcommittee.

The hearing for the Oconee, Pickens, and Abbeville counties will be held at 7:00 p.m. next Wednesday, March 23, at the Oconee Vocational School, off Route 28 just outside of Seneca.

For this hearing, the hospitals of interest are: Easley Baptist Medical Center, Cannon Memorial Hospital, Oconee Memorial Hospital, and Abbeville County Hospital.

Issues to be discussed include patient, physician and other local support of these facilities, the importance of these hospitals and their survival to the surrounding areas, and the effect of the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Members of the public or interested organizations who want to speak at the hearing are asked to contact Tracy Williamson at Oconee Memorial Hospital (tel. 882-3351).

The subcommittee was created by the Joint Legislative Health Care Planning & Oversight Committee. Besides Sen. Leatherman, subcommittee members include Rep. Dill Blackwell (D-Greenville), Rep. James Lockemy (D-Dillon), and Senator J. M. Long (D-Horry).